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Interviews: 1,011 adults
Dates: January 26-29, 2006

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,011 interviews is ±3.1%

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/92+</u>	[138]
Headed in the right direction....	31	30	26	28	32	34	72	14	
Off on the wrong track.....	57	59	63	59	57	52	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	8	8	10	8	12	11	9	
Not sure.....	2	3	3	3	3	2	6	6	
	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>		
	35	34	42	40	41	39	39		
	52	51	48	47	46	48	49		
	10	12	8	10	11	10	10		
	3	3	2	3	2	3	2		
	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>		
	36	36	36	33	41	47	56		
	50	48	48	50	49	43	30		
	12	14	14	14	5	6	9		
	2	2	2	3	5	4	5		
	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>		
	41	43	38	42	49	62	36		
	48	47	50	44	38	22	47		
	8	6	8	9	8	13	14		
	3	3	4	4	5	3	3		
	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>		
	43	44	42	40	52	53	62		
	42	42	43	42	31	28	20		
	13	14	12	14	14	15	14		
	2	-	3	4	3	4	4		
	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>10/00</u>				
	70	72	43	45	48				

15	11	39	36	32
12	11	14	15	18
3	6	4	4	2

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2a. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	10	50-54.....	10	[139-140]
25-29.....	11	55-59.....	10	
30-34.....	9	60-64.....	7	
35-39.....	8	65-69.....	5	
40-44.....	8	70-74.....	4	
45-49.....	10	75 and over.....	8	
		Refused.....	-	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[141]
No, not Hispanic.....	88	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	75	[142]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	1/06	12/05	11/05	10/05	9/05	7/05	5/05	High 11/01	Low 11/05	[143]
Approve.....	39	39	38	39	40	46	47	88	38	
Disapprove.....	54	55	57	54	55	49	47	7	57	
Not sure.....	7	6	5	7	5	5	6	5	5	
	4/05	2/05	1/05	12/04	10/04+	9/04+	8/04+	47	48	
	48	50	50	49	49	47	47			
	46	45	44	44	47	48	48			
	6	5	6	7	4	5	5			
	6/04+	5/04+	3/04	1/04	12/14/03	12/13/03	11/03			
	45	47	50	54	58	52	51			
	49	46	46	41	34	41	44			
	6	7	5	6	9	7	5			
	7/03	5/03+	4/03	3/29- 30/03	3/23/03	3/17/03	2/03 ¹			
	56	62	71	66	67	62	61			
	38	31	23	29	28	33	31			
	6	7	6	5	5	5	8			
	12/02	10/02+	9/02	7/02	6/02	5/02	4/02			
	62	63	64	67	69	75	74			
	33	31	30	27	23	18	20			
	5	6	6	6	8	7	6			

¹Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>High 12/01</u>	<u>Low 11/05</u>	[144]
Approve.....	40	38	34	40	39	43	41	63	34	
Disapprove.....	53	54	60	55	54	51	53	25	60	
Not sure.....	7	8	6	5	7	6	6	12	6	
	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>		
	46	47	44	45	45	43	45	45	41	
	50	47	51	52	51	52	49	53		
	4	6	5	3	4	5	6	6	6	
	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
	45	49	48	50	43	45	47	49	44	
	51	45	46	44	52	48	45	42	49	
	4	6	6	5	6	7	8	9	7	
	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	47	48	48	49	57	61	63	63	52	
	45	44	43	43	34	30	27	25	27	
	8	8	9	8	9	9	10	12	21	

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>1/06*</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05 *</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>High 12/01</u>	<u>Low 11/05</u>	[145]
Approve.....	38	35	36	45	42	42	82	35	
Disapprove.....	57	59	56	51	52	50	12	59	
Not sure.....	5	6	8	4	6	8	6	6	
	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>		
	44	46	45	48	44	44	44	44	
	50	49	51	46	51	52	52	52	
	6	5	4	6	5	4	4	4	
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>		
	43	45	47	54	56	48	48	48	
	51	51	48	41	37	47	47	48	
	6	4	5	5	7	5	5	4	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>		
	47	55	63	70	51	57	58		
	46	39	31	24	42	36	35		
	7	6	6	6	7	7	7		
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>		
	55	62	64	68	81	82	53		
	34	28	28	26	13	12	20		
	11	10	8	6	6	6	27		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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3d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>1/06**</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
Approve.....	39	36	32	37	39	44	[146]
Disapprove.....	56	60	64	58	55	52	
Not sure.....	5	4	4	5	6	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>High 9/98</u>	<u>Low 4/92+</u>	
Approve.....	29	25	28	29	28	33	39	61	15	[147]
Disapprove.....	56	60	57	53	55	51	46	28	78	
Not sure.....	15	15	15	18	17	16	15	11	7	
	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>		
	41	40	39	46	39	43	39	42		
	40	42	43	41	47	45	45	45		
	19	18	18	13	14	11	16	13		
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>		
	43	42	44	44	40	34	43	54		
	43	39	39	40	44	48	41	29		
	14	19	17	16	16	18	16	17		
	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>		
	57	47	43	45	48	55	49	46		
	29	34	33	32	35	30	35	41		
	14	19	24	23	17	15	16	13		
	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>		
	46	43	42	43	48	45	42	40		
	42	46	44	40	36	42	45	49		
	12	11	14	17	16	13	13	11		
	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/95</u>		
	43	40	49	41	50	44	48	43		
	41	42	38	45	40	42	39	43		
	16	18	13	14	10	14	13	14		

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5. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[148]
January 2006.....	24	17	12	13	33	1	
December 2005.....	23	19	10	13	35	-	
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	
October 2005.....	21	20	11	17	31	-	
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
May 2005.....	27	22	10	12	29	-	
April 2005.....	28	20	11	16	25	-	
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
December 2004.....	31	19	9	13	28	-	
October 2004+.....	36	14	6	13	31	-	
August 2004+.....	33	16	8	12	31	-	
July 2004+.....	29	19	8	13	30	1	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
May 2004+.....	30	19	8	13	30	-	
March 2004.....	34	16	8	13	28	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Democratic Party							[149/153]
January 2006.....	11	25	28	20	15	1	
November 2005.....	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005.....	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005.....	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004.....	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+.....	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+.....	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
September 2002.....	12	26	30	17	12	3	
December 2001.....	18	30	26	14	9	3	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
November 2005.....	8	25	29	20	16	2	
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[150/154]
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005.....	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005.....	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004.....	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
September 2002.....	15	30	26	13	13	3	
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	
Sam Alito							[151]
January 2006 *.....	15	16	21	8	8	32	
December 2005.....	10	9	21	8	6	46	
November 2005.....	9	10	18	6	6	51	
Alan Greenspan							[152]
January 2006 *.....	21	27	23	6	5	18	
May 2005.....	14	29	26	8	4	19	
March 2004.....	15	30	28	7	7	13	
September 2003.....	20	34	21	7	3	16	
June 2001.....	21	34	20	7	4	14	
April 2001.....	25	30	20	7	2	16	
March 2001.....	24	31	25	5	3	12	
January 2001.....	31	25	18	8	3	15	
April 2000+.....	23	28	22	6	4	17	
December 1998.....	23	24	23	4	2	24	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Jack Abramoff							[155]
January 2006 **.....	1	2	10	10	28	49	
Laura Bush							[156]
January 2006 **.....	35	19	26	9	5	6	
December 2005.....	36	24	27	5	5	3	
May 2005.....	40	25	24	6	3	2	
February 2005.....	41	24	22	5	5	3	
December 2004.....	40	22	21	7	6	4	
August 2004+.....	38	19	24	8	6	5	
December 2001.....	49	27	16	2	2	4	
March 2001.....	28	24	33	3	2	10	
January 2001.....	16	18	34	4	5	23	
July 2000+.....	13	14	28	4	4	37	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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6. Please tell me how interested you are in this November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a ten means that you are very interested in this November's elections and a one means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten, depending on how interested you are. +

10, very interested.....	46	[157-158]
9.....	7	
8.....	15	
7.....	12	
6.....	5	
5.....	7	
4.....	2	
3.....	1	
2.....	1	
1, not interested at all.....	4	
Cannot rate.....	-	

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7. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/29-31/04+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	38	38	37	39	40	40	43	[159]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	47	46	48	48	45	47	44	
Not sure.....	15	16	15	13	15	13	13	
	<u>10/16-18/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>		
	44	42	42	41	42	42		
	44	46	44	44	45	43		
	12	12	14	15	13	15		
	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>		
	42	43	42	43	42	44		
	42	42	42	41	41	40		
	16	15	16	16	17	16		
	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>		
	42	40	39	39	42	41		
	40	44	41	43	41	40		
	18	16	20	18	17	19		
	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>		
	37	41	40	41	39	37		
	43	43	39	40	40	41		
	20	16	21	19	21	22		
	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>		
	41	40	41	41	45	44		
	37	42	37	39	39	38		
	22	18	22	20	16	18		
	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>					
	41	42	44					
	38	41	38					
	21	17	18					

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8. In this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
Deserves to be reelected.....	41	41	37	42	49	42	41	[160]
Give new person a chance.....	46	44	51	45	34	39	42	
Not sure.....	13	15	12	13	17	19	17	
	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>12/97+</u>		
	50	49	49	42	48	41		
	35	38	39	47	37	45		
	15	13	12	11	15	14		
	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>		
	39	30	34	35	34	37		
	49	53	50	47	52	47		
	12	17	16	18	14	16		
	<u>7/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>		
	30	31	31	27	33	37		
	55	56	56	62	57	52		
	15	13	13	11	10	11		
	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>11/89+</u>			
	42	35	40	39	41			
	48	52	48	48	36			
	10	13	12	13	23			

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- 9a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.9a.)

- 9b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP PRIORITY

	<u>Q.9a</u> Top Priority	<u>Q.9a/b</u> COMBINED Top/Second Priorities	
	<u>1/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	
The war in Iraq.....	21	36	[161-162]
Job creation and economic growth.....	19	35	[163-164]
Health care.....	16	CONTINUE	39
Terrorism	14		29
Illegal immigration.....	9		18
The cost and supply of energy.....	8		21
Congressional ethics and lobbying reform.....	4		11
The wiretapping of suspected terrorists.....	3		9
Other (VOL).....	-		1
All equally (VOL).....	6		-
None of these (VOL).....	-	Skip to Q.9c	-
Not sure.....	-		-

	<i>December 2005</i>		<u>COMBINED</u> <u>Top/Second</u> <u>Priorities</u>
	<u>Top</u> <u>Priority</u>		
The war in Iraq.....	22		41
Health care.....	16		33
Job creation and economic growth.....	16		28
Terrorism.....	12		23
Rebuilding the areas hit by Hurricane Katrina.....	11		27
The cost and the supply of energy.....	9		16
Illegal immigration.....	7		16
The budget deficit.....	6		15
Other (VOL).....	-		-
All equally (VOL).....	1		-
None of these (VOL).....	-		-
Not sure.....	-		-

- 9c. How worried are you that the United States will experience another major terrorist attack--very worried, fairly worried, only slightly worried, or not really worried at all?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
Very worried.....	25	31	30	[165]
Fairly worried.....	23	27	29	
Only slightly worried.....	35	29	26	
Not really worried at all.....	17	12	14	
Not sure.....	-	1	1	

10. For each of the following qualities, please tell me how you would rate George W. Bush, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD (A RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannott Rate	[]
	5	4	3	2	1		
Representing traditional American values							[177]
January 2006 **	32	17	16	11	24	-	
July 2005	35	21	19	9	15	1	
January 2002	50	25	17	4	4	-	
January 2001	30	29	25	7	8	1	
Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country							[171]
January 2006 *	31	15	15	13	25	1	
November 2005	32	16	21	11	20	-	
January 2005	37	19	20	11	12	1	
June 2004+	39	13	20	11	16	1	
November 2003	41	16	18	8	15	1	
July 2002	43	23	19	7	8	-	
January 2001	33	25	22	11	8	1	
December 1999	22	28	28	8	9	5	
Being easygoing and likable							[172]
January 2006 **	29	17	21	12	21	-	
November 2005	30	19	24	11	16	-	
September 2005	30	19	23	11	16	1	
July 2005	29	21	22	13	13	2	
January 2005	36	21	18	10	14	1	
August 2004+	37	18	17	11	16	1	
June 2004+	32	21	22	11	13	1	
January 2001	36	23	21	9	10	1	
Having the ability to handle a crisis							[168]
January 2006 *	27	16	19	12	26	-	
November 2005	18	18	23	13	27	1	
September 2005	23	18	18	14	27	-	
January 2005	33	23	16	10	18	-	
January 2001	20	27	29	11	11	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.10 (cont'd)	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Canno t Rate	[169]
	5	4	3	2	1		
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president							
January 2006 *	.25	17	15	13	30	-	
November 2005	.21	18	20	14	27	-	
September 2005	.28	15	17	13	27	-	
July 2005	.29	19	18	10	23	1	
January 2005	.32	20	18	11	19	-	
June 2004+	.32	18	17	13	20	-	
November 2003	.36	18	17	10	19	1	
July 2003	.42	17	16	8	16	-	
May 2003	.47	17	15	8	13	1	
January 2003	.34	22	21	11	12	-	
July 2002	.38	24	19	9	10	-	
January 2002	.49	24	17	5	5	-	
April 2001	.28	22	22	13	15	-	
January 2001	.26	24	25	13	11	1	
December 1999	.26	27	24	10	9	4	
Having a vision for the country's future							
January 2006 *	.25	14	20	12	29	-	
January 2005	.31	19	22	12	16	-	
November 2003	.27	18	20	11	22	1	
Being honest and straightforward							
January 2006 *	.22	16	17	13	32	-	
November 2005	.20	13	19	15	32	1	
January 2005	.32	18	14	11	25	-	
June 2004+	.29	18	14	12	26	1	
November 2003	.34	18	17	9	22	1	
July 2003	.35	16	18	8	22	1	
May 2003	.41	18	21	7	13	1	
January 2003	.39	21	16	10	13	1	
July 2002	.35	23	19	10	12	1	
April 2001	.37	18	20	11	13	1	
January 2001	.28	22	25	11	13	1	
Being a world leader in dealing with other countries							
January 2006 **	.18	19	18	12	32	1	
September 2005	.19	17	21	14	29	-	
July 2005	.18	23	21	13	25	-	
January 2005	.19	22	22	11	26	-	
July 2003	.30	21	19	9	22	1	
May 2003	.38	19	15	8	18	1	
January 2003	.25	24	23	11	17	-	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.10 (cont'd)		Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Canno t Rate	[173] [167] [175] [176]
		5	4	3	2	1		
Being compassionate enough to understand average people								
January 2006 **.....	.22	13	18	12	34	1		
September 2005.....	.23	16	15	16	30	-		
July 2005.....	.21	19	18	13	28	1		
January 2005.....	.29	18	16	13	23	1		
June 2004+.....	.24	16	22	13	25	-		
November 2003.....	.29	17	19	9	25	-		
May 2003.....	.34	17	19	9	20	1		
January 2003.....	.27	22	19	12	19	1		
July 2002.....	.33	23	21	10	12	1		
January 2002.....	.44	21	20	6	8	1		
April 2001.....	.26	20	21	15	17	1		
January 2001.....	.21	21	27	14	16	1		
Appointing qualified people to serve in government positions								
January 2006 *.....	.14	19	26	16	23	2		
November 2005.....	.9	17	28	17	28	1		
September 2005.....	.15	21	25	15	23	1		
Working effectively with Congress to get results								
January 2006 **.....	.12	18	32	15	22	1		
July 2005.....	.10	21	34	17	17	1		
January 2005.....	.15	26	33	12	13	1		
January 2001.....	.19	27	36	8	8	2		
December 1999.....	.18	30	32	7	7	6		
Willing to work with people whose viewpoints are different from his own								
January 2006 **.....	.15	14	22	12	36	1		
July 2005.....	.11	18	26	13	31	1		
January 2005.....	.17	16	27	13	25	2		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

11. Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country--President Bush or Congress?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>3/99¹</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	
								[178]
President Bush.....	25	44	35	38	28	35	35	
Congress.....	49	32	47	43	49	43	45	
Shared/equal role (VOL).....	16	22	10	12	17	14	12	
Neither (VOL).....	7	1	5	5	4	4	5	
Not sure.....	3	1	3	2	2	4	3	
		<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>11/94</u>	
							+	
	38	34	38	33	31	30		
	44	43	44	54	55	55		
	12	18	14	6	8	11		
	3	2	2	3	2	1		
	3	3	2	4	4	3		

¹Prior to January 2002, this question was phrased, "Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country--President Clinton or the Congress?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12. As President Bush prepares to deliver his State of the Union address, there are many important issues facing the country. I'm going to list some of these issues. Recognizing that all these issues may be important but that not every single one can be a top priority for the President and Congress, for each one please tell me whether you think it should be an absolute priority for the Bush administration and THIS year's Congress, it is something that can be delayed until next year, or something that you think the Bush administration and Congress should not pursue.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY ABSOLUTE PRIORITY FOR THIS YEAR

	Absolute Priority For This Year	Can Be Delayed Until Next Year	Should Not Be Pursued	Not Sure	
Increasing access to, and reducing the costs of, health care *	76	20	3	1	[212]
Rebuilding the areas of the Gulf Coast that were destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita *	75	17	5	3	[180]
Addressing energy prices *	74	21	3	2	[211]
Reducing the federal budget deficit **	66	26	4	4	[219]
Beginning to withdraw troops from Iraq *	66	26	5	3	[179]
Addressing Iran's nuclear program **	64	22	11	3	[217]
Make permanent the Patriot Act, which was passed after September eleventh and provides the government greater ability to spy on and prosecute suspected terrorists *	56	22	20	2	[210]
Reforming Congress's ethics and lobbying rules *	53	37	5	5	[208]
Expanding the federal education requirements that currently apply to elementary schools to cover high schools as well **	52	30	14	4	[215]
Grant the president clear authority to wiretap American citizens suspected of having links to terrorists without a court order **	49	15	33	3	[221]
Passing new immigration legislation **	47	41	9	3	[216]
Limiting the amount of money the government spends on Medicaid **	44	33	20	3	[218]
Enacting pension and retirement reform *	43	47	7	3	[213]
Making permanent the tax cuts of the past few years *	39	41	16	4	[209]
Rebuilding Iraq's infrastructure **	35	35	27	3	[214]
Eliminating the Alternative Minimum Tax, which limits the overall amount of tax deductions that middle- and upper-income households can claim **	34	38	21	7	[220]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

13. If just ONE of the following goals for America could be achieved in the coming year, which one would you choose? **(IF MULTIPLE RESPONSES GIVEN, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just ONE, which one would you choose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Bring most of the American forces home from Iraq.....	35	[222]
Deal with the cost of health care and coverage for the uninsured.....	20	
Stimulate economic and job growth.....	17	
Simplify the Medicare prescription drug program for seniors.....	11	
Reduce the federal deficit.....	8	
Reduce taxes.....	7	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	1	

14. Which of the following statements comes closest to your current view of the Bush administration?

Statement A: The Bush administration has a vibrant and solid agenda

Statement B: The Bush administration has an acceptable and steady agenda

Statement C: The Bush administration has a stale and tired agenda

Statement D: The Bush administration has a misguided and harmful agenda

Statement A/vibrant and active agenda.....	10	[223]
Statement B/solid and steady agenda.....	34	
Statement C/stale and tired agenda.....	15	
Statement D/misguided and harmful agenda.....	39	
None of these (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

15. When it comes to presenting a clear agenda and set of ideas on major issues, how would you rate the job the Democrats in Congress are doing—are they doing an excellent job, a good job, a not-so-good job, or a poor job? *

Excellent job.....	2	[224]
Good job.....	32	
Not-so-good job.....	40	
Poor job.....	23	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

16. Which of the following roles would you like to see the Democrats in Congress play?

A/Work in a bipartisan way with Republicans to help pass President Bush's legislative priorities so that we do not have gridlock, OR

B/Provide a balance to make sure that President Bush and the Republicans do not go too far in pushing their agenda.

	<u>1/06**</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
Work in a bipartisan way to pass Bush's legislative priorities.....	34	30	34	33	[225]
Provide a balance so Bush and Republicans don't go too far.....	58	63	60	57	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	5	5	7	
Not sure.....	3	2	1	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17. Please tell me which one of the following people you currently consider to be the voice of the Democratic Party.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS

	<u>All Adults</u>		<u>Democrats</u>		
	<u>1/06*</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>1/06*</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Hillary Clinton.....	31	25	34	24	[226-227]
Ted Kennedy.....	15	8	13	6	
Bill Clinton.....	13	23	14	30	
John Kerry.....	8	13	9	15	
Howard Dean.....	7	4	6	5	
Harry Reid.....	6	1	4	2	
Nancy Pelosi.....	4	3	6	2	
None (VOL) ¹	6	8	5	4	
Other (VOL).....	1	-	1	-	
Not sure.....	9	8	8	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ In December 2000, the volunteered responses "none" and "other" were combined.

² In December 2002 this question was asked *only* of respondents who identified themselves as Democrats or who said they planned to vote in the Democratic primary.

18. Which party do you think is more influenced by special interests and lobbyists—the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	<u>1/06**</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
Democratic Party.....	22	26	28	30	32	30	[228]
Republican Party.....	36	27	30	29	29	30	
Both equally (VOL).....	33	35	28	30	28	30	
Not sure.....	9	12	14	11	11	10	
		<u>3/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>11/96</u>	<u>1/93</u>		
				+			
		33	27	32	32		
		30	28	29	34		
		28	36	28	23		
		9	9	11	11		

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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19. Recently there have been a lot of criminal indictments and revelations relating to congressional ethics. Both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party are coming forth with a new set of ideas and legislation to deal with the issues of ethics and lobbying reform. Which party do you feel will do the best job of dealing with the current ethics problems--the Democrats, the Republicans, both equally, or neither one?

Democrats will do better.....	22	[229]
Republicans will do better.....	12	
Both equally.....	31	
Neither.....	31	
Not sure.....	4	

20. Please tell me which one or two of the following things you think would have the greatest effect on reducing the influence of special interests on Congress. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Prohibiting Members of Congress from directing federal funds to specific projects benefiting only certain constituents	32	[230]
Banning lobbyists from giving gifts to Members of Congress.....	31	>
Taking pensions away from Members of Congress who are convicted of a felony.....	25	
Prohibiting interest groups from paying for fact-finding trips for Members of Congress.....	16	
Requiring Members of Congress to publicly disclose whether they are in negotiations for corporate jobs.....	12	
Increasing the amount of time that Members of Congress are required to wait to become lobbyists themselves.....	8	
None (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

21. If Congress were to pass a new law to reform lobbying regulations, do you think that it would make a real difference in reducing the influence of special interests on Congress, or do you think things would pretty much stay the same? *

Would make a real difference.....	29	[231]
Things would stay pretty much the same.....	65	
Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Changing subjects . . .

22. As you may know, President Bush recently nominated Sam Alito to serve as a justice on the Supreme Court. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Sam Alito's serving as a justice on the Supreme Court, or do you not know enough about him to say?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	
Strongly support.....	24	16	16	[232]
Somewhat support.....	20	16	16	
Somewhat oppose.....	12	9	10	
Strongly oppose.....	13	9	10	
Do not know enough to say.....	30	48	47	
Not sure.....	1	2	1	

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Strongly support.....	11
Somewhat support.....	16
Somewhat oppose.....	10
Strongly oppose.....	11
Do not know enough to say.....	51
Not sure.....	1

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Strongly support.....	22
Somewhat support.....	16
Somewhat oppose.....	10
Strongly oppose.....	10
Do not know enough to say.....	41
Not sure.....	1

On a different topic . . .

23. As you may know, since 2002, the Bush administration has been using wiretaps to listen to telephone calls between suspected terrorists in other countries and American citizens in the United States without getting a court order to do so. Do you approve or disapprove of the Bush administration's approach on this issue?

Approve.....	51	[233]
Disapprove.....	46	
Not sure.....	3	

24. Do you think that the Bush administration should conduct wiretaps of American citizens who are suspected of having ties to terrorists without a court order, or do you think that the Bush administration should be required to get a court order before conducting these wiretaps?

Should be able to wiretap without court order.....	41	[234]
Should be required to get a court order before wiretapping.....	53	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

25. How concerned are you that the Bush administration's use of these kinds of wiretaps could be misused to violate people's privacy--extremely concerned, quite concerned, not really concerned, or not concerned at all?

Extremely concerned.....	31	[235]
Quite concerned.....	25	
Not really concerned.....	22	
Not concerned at all.....	21	
Not sure.....	1	

Now turning to the economy . . .

26. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	
Economy has gotten better.....	22	21	17	20	31	30	29	29	[236]
Economy has gotten worse.....	37	44	45	42	28	34	36	33	
Economy has stayed about the same.....	39	33	37	37	40	35	34	37	
Not sure.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		37	39	35	35	43	45	38	
		31	28	33	34	23	27	29	
		30	31	31	29	34	27	31	
		2	2	1	1	1	1	1	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	
	27	23	18	6	7	17	6	2	
	41	42	44	65	57	44	73	78	
	30	34	36	28	35	38	20	19	
	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	
	3	6	8	9	11	8	3	3	
	74	67	57	64	54	64	73	72	
	22	26	33	26	35	27	23	24	
	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	
	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
	6	11	11	12	12	12	15	18	
	57	37	36	30	30	29	34	23	
	35	51	52	56	56	57	49	57	
	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

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27. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	
Economy will get better.....	24	26	16	28	43	43	43	42	44	[237]
Economy will get worse.....	30	34	49	30	17	10	13	16	18	
Economy will stay about the same.....	42	37	32	36	36	33	33	34	35	
Not sure.....	4	3	3	6	4	14	11	8	3	
		<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
		50	53	49	44	45	49	35	40	
		10	10	15	19	16	17	25	20	
		37	33	33	33	34	31	37	35	
		3	3	3	4	4	3	3	5	
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	
		41	39	41	50	50	36	28	17	
		20	18	20	13	15	25	29	24	
		34	39	37	32	32	34	37	54	
		5	4	2	5	3	5	6	5	
		<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
		19	19	21	20	24	31	31	28	
		22	22	21	21	23	17	24	24	
		53	57	52	54	50	46	40	44	
		6	2	6	5	3	6	5	4	
		<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	
		28	27	29	44	43	21	23	20	
		17	21	16	16	19	27	24	29	
		52	49	52	36	34	50	51	48	
		3	3	3	4	4	2	2	3	
		<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>		
		23	33	39	50	53	32	31		
		27	21	15	9	10	20	24		
		47	44	43	39	35	45	40		
		3	2	3	2	2	3	5		

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "During the next year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

28. In your opinion, which is more often to blame if a person is poor--lack of effort on his or her own part, or circumstances beyond his or her control?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>8/89</u>	<u>7/88</u>	<u>12/84</u>	
Lack of effort.....	38	43	35	38	40	33	[238]
Circumstances beyond control.....	47	41	45	42	37	34	
Both.....	NA	14	17	17	17	31	
Not sure.....	15	2	3	3	6	2	
	<u>5/67</u>	<u>12/65</u>	<u>11/64</u>	<u>9/64</u>	<u>2/64</u>		
	42	40	31	34	34		
	19	29	31	25	29		
	36	28	34	38	32		
	3	3	5	3	6		

¹ All trend data comes from surveys conducted by Gallup.

29. Congress will soon decide whether to extend the existing tax cuts on capital gains and dividends, or allow them to expire. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your view?

Statement A: Dividend and capital gains tax cuts should be extended because they stimulate the economy, which helps increase tax revenue.

Statement B: Dividend and capital gains tax cuts should NOT be extended because they mostly benefit upper-income Americans and increase the budget deficit. **

Statement A/tax cuts should be extended.....	39	[239]
Statement B/tax cuts should NOT be extended.....	51	
Both equally (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

30. Which one or two of the following everyday expenses do you think should be the top priorities for the federal government to address? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Health care costs.....	48	[240-241]
Gasoline prices.....	34	>
Education costs.....	21	
Home heating prices.....	20	
Taxes.....	12	
Housing costs.....	8	
Credit card debt.....	5	
Other (VOL).....	-	
None (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

31. Last fall there were many concerns that home heating prices might be much higher this year than in past years. Would you say that heating your home has been a lot more expensive this year, a little more expensive, or no more expensive this year than in past years? *

A lot more expensive than in the past.....	48	[242]
A little more expensive than in the past.....	31	
No more expensive than in the past.....	15	
Does not apply/don't pay heating bills (VOL)....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

On a different topic . . .

32. Would you say that your overall opinion of the Medicare prescription drug benefit that became available on January first is mostly favorable or mostly unfavorable, or do you not know enough about it to have an opinion? (IF "FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE," ASK:) And would you say you have a very (favorable/unfavorable) opinion or just a somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion of the Medicare prescription drug benefit that became available on January first?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05¹</u>	
Very favorable.....	6	6	[243]
Somewhat favorable.....	9	13	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	10	11	
Very unfavorable.....	21	14	
Don't know enough to have an opinion.....	52	55	
Not sure.....	2	1	

¹In December 2005, the question was phrased, "Would you say your overall opinion of the Medicare prescription drug benefit that will be available starting in 2006 . . .?"

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO ARE AGE 65 AND OVER IN Q.2a.)

33. I'm going to read you several things that some people have said about the new Medicare prescription drug plan. For each one please tell me whether you agree or disagree with that statement.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY AGREE

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
It is too complicated and confusing				[244]
January 2006.....	77	13	10	
December 2005.....	73	15	12	
It is a good plan for seniors who do not have drug coverage				[245]
January 2006.....	56	20	24	
December 2005.....	51	27	22	
This plan will be helpful to me personally				[246]
January 2006.....	23	62	15	
December 2005.....	14	67	19	

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

34. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	[247]
Worth it.....	42	41	40	40	37	44	40	44	
Not worth it.....	48	49	52	51	51	49	51	48	
Depends (VOL).....	5	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	
Not sure.....	5	5	3	5	7	3	5	4	
	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>		
	44	40	43	41	40	43	43		
	49	52	48	50	52	49	47		
	3	3	6	4	3	4	4		
	4	5	3	5	5	4	6		
	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>		
	40	42	50	52	53	45	45		
	51	47	45	40	37	42	46		
	5	5	1	2	5	6	3		
	4	6	4	5	5	6	5		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 35a. Do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States reduce its number of troops now that Iraq has adopted a constitution?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "REDUCE NUMBER OF TROOPS" IN Q.35a.)

- 35b. And do you think that the United States should reduce its number of troops but NOT have a timeline for withdrawal of all troops, or should the United States reduce its number of troops and have a target deadline for withdrawal of all troops within a year?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05¹</u>	<u>7/05</u>	[248-249]
Maintain current troop level.....	28	35	36	34	36	41	
Reduce number of troops.....	66	60	56	58	55	48	
WITHOUT timeline for withdrawal.....	21	16	11	NA	NA	NA	
WITH timeline for withdrawal.....	43	42	42	NA	NA	NA	
Depends/not sure when to reduce (VOL).....	2	2	3	NA	NA	NA	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	3	3	4	3	4	5	
Not sure.....	3	2	4	5	5	6	
	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05²</u>	<u>12/04</u>		
	40	43	41	42	45		
	53	49	50	48	41		
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
	4	4	4	6	9		
	3	4	5	4	5		

¹ Prior to September 2005, the question was phrased, ". . . or should the United States now reduce its number of troops since elections have been held?"

² Prior to February 2005, the question was phrased, "If Iraq's elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned . . ."

36. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
							[250]
More confident.....	36	39	32	35	36	40	
Less confident.....	53	50	58	56	55	50	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	6	6	4	5	6	
Not sure.....	6	5	4	5	4	4	
	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
	44	47	41	41	46	37	
	45	43	48	48	41	53	
	6	5	6	6	8	5	
	5	5	5	5	5	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

37. Do you think that President Bush has or has not given good reasons for why the United States must keep troops in Iraq?

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	
Has given good reasons.....	43	42	38	[251]
Has not given good reasons.....	52	54	58	
Not sure.....	5	4	4	

On a different topic . . .

38. The winning party in recent elections in the Palestinian authority advocates violence against Israel. Do you think that the Bush administration should refuse to deal with the new Palestinian government until it renounces violence, or engage in diplomacy with that government in hopes of changing its policy? *

Should refuse to deal with it.....	37	[252]
Should engage in diplomacy.....	51	
Not sure.....	12	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

39. As you may know, the nation of Iran recently announced that it has begun a nuclear energy research program. Some people believe that this program could eventually lead to Iran developing nuclear weapons. Would you favor or oppose the United States' taking economic sanctions against Iran to pressure Iran into ending its nuclear research program? (**IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE," ASK:**) And would you strongly (favor/oppose) this or somewhat (favor/oppose) this? **

Strongly favor economic sanctions.....	50	[253]
Somewhat favor economic sanctions.....	20	
Somewhat oppose economic sanctions....	12	
Strongly oppose economic sanctions.....	10	
Not sure.....	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

40. And would you favor or oppose the United States' using military action to pressure Iran into ending its nuclear research program? (IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE," ASK:) And would you strongly (favor/oppose) this or somewhat (favor/oppose) this? **

Strongly favor military action.....	18	[254]
Somewhat favor military action.....	16	
Somewhat oppose military action.....	21	
Strongly oppose military action.....	37	
Not sure.....	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

41. If you could participate in the Winter Olympics, which one of the following sports would you most like to participate in?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Figure skating.....	29	[255]
Bobsledding.....	17	
Downhill skiing.....	14	
Snowboarding.....	13	
Ice hockey.....	9	
Luge.....	6	
Speed skating.....	4	
Other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	5	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	89	[256]
Not registered.....	10	
Not sure.....	1	

- F2. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted		
George W. Bush.....	40	[257]
John Kerry.....	37	
Someone else.....	4	
Refused (VOL).....	3	
Did Not Vote.....	15	
Not sure.....	1	

F3. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	22	[258-265]
White-collar worker.....	21	
Blue-collar worker.....	17	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	23	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	6	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[266-267]
Some high school.....	4	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	20	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	20	[268]
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	12	
Strictly independent.....	20	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	7	
Strong Republican.....	19	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	2	

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	24	[269]
Moderate.....	38	
Conservative.....	34	
Not sure.....	4	

F7. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	18	[270]
Unmarried, living with partner.....	4	
Married.....	59	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F8. Do you own or rent your current residence?

Own.....	73	[271]
Rent.....	24	
Not sure.....	3	

F9a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	51	CONTINUE	[272]
Catholic.....	26		
Jewish.....	2	Skip to Q.F10	
<u>Muslim.....</u>	-		
Other.....	9		
None.....	10	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F9a.)

F9b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	19	[273]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	44	
Not sure.....	9	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F9a).....	28	

F10. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	18	[274]
Once a year.....	7	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	6	
About twice a month.....	10	
Once a week or more often.....	40	
Not sure.....	2	

F11. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	[275]
Labor union household.....	7	
Nonunion household.....	80	
Not sure.....	2	

F12. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	6	[276]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	20	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
More than \$100,000.....	11	
Not sure/refused.....	14	